

2008-2009
MULTIFAMILY BEVERAGE CONTAINER GRANT SOLICITATION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q1: Will it be acceptable to design a program that focuses on commingled recycling (beverage containers and paper)? Beverage containers will be the focus but commingled recycling makes good sense in the multifamily setting.**
- A1: The Department is seeking projects providing convenient beverage container recycling opportunities in California. CRV material is required to ensure eligibility. All proposals compete against each other to achieve the overall goal of increasing recycling rates for CRV materials. The more a project enhances CRV recycling and the objectives in the Grant Solicitation, the better it will score.*
- Q2: How much funding is available for this program?**
- A2: Up to \$15 million is available in funding for the Multifamily Grant Program. The Department awarded \$6,128,504 of the \$15 million through the June-August 2008 competitive grant cycle. Up to \$8,871,496 will be available in the second cycle*
- Q3: What is the maximum and/or expected grant award size? Even if there is no maximum, what is the Department's estimate of the size of an average award?**
- A3: There is no maximum grant award size other than the \$15 million available. The Department does not have an estimate of the average award.*
- Q4: Approximately how many awards are expected?**
- A4: The Department is unable to determine the number of awards since funding requests vary from proposal to proposal.*
- Q5: Are matching funds required? If not, will applicants that voluntarily provide a match receive any additional consideration in the review process?**
- A5: Matching funds are not required but are encouraged. Consideration is given to applicants providing matching funds.*
- Q6: Can you define what overhead and administration costs include, since they are not allowable costs? For example, if a jurisdiction uses their Purchasing and Contracting Dept. to contract out for grants with agencies to do the Multifamily program work, would this be considered an overhead cost?**
- A6: Overhead costs are ongoing costs relating to the running of a business, such as rent, maintenance, and utilities. It would not be considered an overhead cost if a jurisdiction contracts with another agency to do program work. Funds requested should be to establish beverage container recycling collection programs that will place source-separated beverage container recycling receptacles in multifamily housing communities in California, and not be for administrative or personnel costs related to management of contracts.*
- Q7: What is greenhouse gas emissions and how is it measured?**
- A7: Greenhouse gas emissions include gases such as carbon dioxide, methane, or nitrous*

oxide which has the potential to contribute to climate change. Calculations to estimate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions can be done using the calculator on the California Environmental Protection Agency's website:
<http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html>

Q8: What is mixed use development?

A8: *Mixed use development incorporates both commercial and residential space in the same building.*

Q9: What is the concept package form and why is there no link to the concept form?

A9: *The 2008/2009 Multifamily Beverage Container Recycling Program is not administered in two phases, therefore a concept package is not required. Complete proposal forms are due by 5:00 p.m. PDT Friday, October 24, 2008.*

Q10: Will installing multi use trash bins in public areas that will separate recyclable materials and general refuse qualify for a grant as multi family?

A10: *The 2008/2009 Multifamily Beverage Container Recycling Grant Solicitation focus is for establishing a beverage container recycling collection program that will place source-separated container recycling receptacles in multifamily housing communities in California.*

Q11: Where can I download and/or obtain a copy of the grant proposal form?

A11: *A copy of the 2008-2009 Multifamily Beverage Container Recycling Grant Solicitation, Proposal Form, Grant Agreement Terms and Conditions, and Questions and Answers can be found at <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dor/grants/Pages/index.aspx>*

Q12: Would public or private campus housing be an eligible target to include in the Multifamily Beverage Container Program proposal?

A12: *Yes, if the housing is comprised of multiple residential units.*

Q.13: Does this grant allow for staffing and other expenses that are not ongoing?

A.13: *This grant (page 4, Budget) strongly encourages 'request for funds for costs relating to project start-up and not for ongoing operation, salaries, or maintenance.' Proposals requesting funding for staffing expenses that are not ongoing will be considered in the evaluation process; however, they will be competitively scored with proposals not including funding for staff. We are unable to determine if other expenses would be funded without knowing what they are.*

Q.14: We have not seen a specific definition of what you define as "multifamily housing community". Can you please provide specific guidance on this, specifically with regard to condominiums, townhouses and mobile home parks?

A.14: *Condominiums, townhouses and mobile home parks will be considered for this grant program cycle.*